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SHORT COMMUNICATION

Eriocrania chrysolepidella (Zell.) (Lep.: Eriocraniidae) at Homefield Wood, Medmenham, Buckinghamshire.—On 16.vi.2000 I paid a short lunchtime visit to Homefield Wood, a nature reserve on the Chiltern Hills near Medmenham in Buckinghamshire. My intention was to search for larvae of the elachistid *Stephensia brunnichevella* L. in calamint, *Calamintha vulgaris*. This was successful but as I was leaving the reserve I happened upon a group of coppiced hazel bushes. I immediately noticed that many of their leaves contained mines of *Eriocrania chrysolepidella*. Closer investigation showed that most of these had been vacated but approximately 20% were still tenanted.

This is a species I am familiar with from Unhill Wood near Streatley in Berkshire but one I had not met with in Buckinghamshire before. I reported the find to the Reserve Warden who I met on the day. Subsequent enquiries of the County Recorder for Buckinghamshire Lepidoptera, Martin Albertini, indicated that this species is known from few localities in this county, and that Homefield Wood is not one of these.—I. SIMS, 2 The Delph, Lower Earley, Reading, Berkshire RG6 3AN.